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VACAVILLE , CALIFORNIA **January 2016**

President's Message

Dear Club Members:

I hope your Christmas was what you wanted and if it wasn't, well then perhaps you weren't all the good as you are supposed to be and got put on the "other" list Santa has with him to determine who has been good or bad throughout the year! I'm hoping that the informational letter I sent out got to everyone and of the attachment with this email, I want each of you to look over the the 14 subjects on the page, think about them and come out once more (and the final time) to the cold storage facility AKA the Elmira Fire Station on January 14th which will be the 1st club meeting for 2016. What I want from everyone who attends is their input. And I would like everyone to have a copy of the club's bylaws with them as well as an open mind.

This club needs a new direction one of which is sustainable. It cannot continue to operate in the fashion it has been doing for quite some time. Any radio club has potential to be what it should be: A club that involves itself in a hobby in which the club members freely enjoy and participate in as well as giving back to their local community. In order to achieve this, everyone needs to participate at some involved level that they are capable of. I guess what I'm saying here is that this club has the potential to be a club like other nearby local clubs that I know of as sure I believe you know of to be at or above their level of involvement in both the hobby, themselves and to their local community.

So please read the Agenda, print it, jot down notes and come for one last time out to the cold storage facility. I don't know about any of you, but I know we can do better than continuing to take the lousy handout the Elmira Fire Station gives us that won't give us a heated meeting room and surely doesn't want us back at the main FS with upstairs heated meeting room we all remember.

7 3, Marcus Maclean, KI6WDX,
2016 VVRC President

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VVRC 2016 Agenda

1) Club meeting place (Vacaville-Fairfield-Suisun City)
2) Monthly or Quarterly club meetings?
3) Weekly Net Meeting (varied format & 2 nets held on 440 repeater)
4) Meeting raffle (rules to be drawn up & put into club's bylaws article)
5) Monthly/Quarterly presentation (person or committee)
6) Guest Speaker? (person or committee)
7) Christmas Dinner held at?
8) Christmas Dinner prize awards (something good - no junk!)
9) 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prize winner (attendance based)
10) VE exam/testing at Field Day
11) Club MO contesting (VHF/UHF, HF, PSK31, JT65-HF, RTTY)
12) Inter-Club Contesting activities (Napa, Vallejo, Benicia, etc)
13) Prize awards for the above Inter-Club contesting?
14) 100% increase in community activities; ARES & CERT certifications (person or committee for community activities)

A Short Picture Review of the Year 2015

A little storm brewed up during the CQ California Contest at the Yolo County Fruit Orchard

What the heck is that noise!?!

I think the tent blew away

Never mind, keep brewing the coffee

Whew, I'm glad that's over

The Great Yolo County Storm

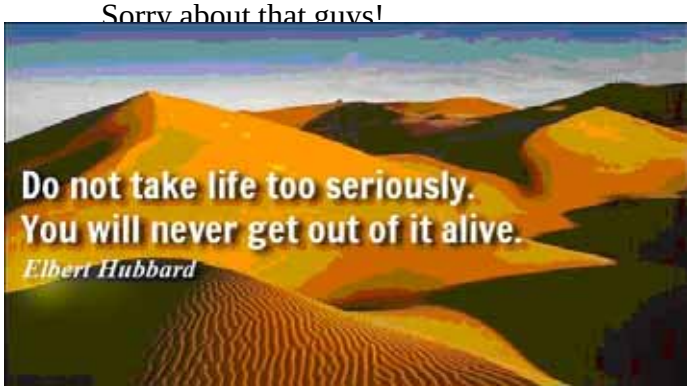
Jerry-KD6WKY, Skip-AF6HC, George-KK4XU and Jerry-KJ6SCC were present at the California QSO contest in a Yolo County orchard.

Jerry-KD6WKY and Skip-AF6HC remained overnight when a big storm brewed up and with extraordinary effort managed to save the installation.

Now, with that in mind, I just couldn't help but to cast a little different light on the event. So with a little amateurish effort, using Photoshop, I changed the event slightly in the photos above.

In truth, they had a scare with close-by lightening and high winds; but that was no fun and I like to have fun.

Sorry about that guys!



Members help

When Richard-KJ6MIB requested help with his antenna during a 2-meter net Steve-KJ6KIH offered his help.

Using an Icom-735 as an RF generator, a Realistic RF wattmeter, and two 53-ohm ceramic dummy loads he found the coax feed-line was too long and of poor quality.

The members discussed the day's work at the end of testing.

Richard will correct the problem later at a later date

Annual Field Day

The annual Field Day was held at the home of George-KK4XU, Maria-KC4PGH and Lauren-K6LIV again in 2015.

As before, they were outstanding hosts for the even and all went well.

Evidentially the news about the great feed got around and it appears that there were a few more seated at the table full of goodies.

Other commitments prevented me from being there and I hear I missed a great time. DANG!

Skip at Master Control

The tree was beautiful

Merriment on Main Security Patrol Volunteers

Jerry Bowen KJ6SCC
Vince Cavallo KK6BEK
Richard Craig KJ6MIB
Antonio Del Rio N6ZGB
Frank Garay KJ6RWQ
Chris Jones KD7TQO
Skip Lawson AF6HC
Marcus Maclean KI6WDX
Art Miller KI6UXE
Charles Norton KC7ADD
Jerry Olive KD6WKY
Jorge Vidal KK4XU
Lauren Vidal K6LIV
Maria Vidal KC4PGH
Mike Vieira W6MAV
Kim Ware KI6JNX

THE VVRC WELCOMES YOU

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browsw our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions please e-mail us at VVRC.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance

The Repeater is Published by the Vaca Valley Radio Club, PO Box 143, Elmira, CA 95625-0143, An ARRL Affiliated Club. Founded 1987, Chartered 1988. General Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM 420 Elmira Fire Station.

Wheelchair accessible

Visit the Repeater online courtesy of Bob K6HEW at: vacavalleyradio.net

Club repeater in Vacaville:W6VVR 145.470 MHz(-) pl 127.3
The W6VVR net call is Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the club repeater. All are invited to participate in this weekly meeting on the air. 73!

Additional local repeaters
WV6F 224.200(-)
WV6F 440.025(+)

THE BIT BUCKET

Latest Breaking DX News

Courtesy of The Daily DX™

17 November, 2015

News from the Intrepid DX Group VP8STI/VP8SGI Team

by **W3UR**

The VP8STI-South Sandwich, VP8SGI-South Georgia and VP8IDX (Falklands & /MM) licenses have been issued and are in hand. In just six short weeks, the team will be making their voyage to South Sandwich Island. Our ship, the venerable RV Braveheart is being prepared and loaded for her long voyage halfway around the world to meet the team in the Falkland Islands.

We expect to land at **South Sandwich and begin operations sometime on January 17th** if sea conditions and weather permit. **After ten days at South Sandwich, we will break camp and voyage three days to South Georgia. We expect to land and be on the air on February 1st.**

This is a "Pure DX" Dxpedition. The team is not mountain climbing or collecting specimens, our sole focus is getting you in our logs! We will work very hard to do that!

To date, we have raised $153,500 from the global DX Community. The 14 team members have contributed $210,000 towards our entire budget of $425,000. If your club or you yourself have not already donated will you please consider a donation? We cannot get there without you!

The Intrepid-DX Group is an IRS approved 501.C.3 non-profit organization and your US contributions are tax deductible.

Please watch for updates and announcements in **The Daily DX**, DX-World, DX Coffee and DX News.

Thank you, Paul N6PSE, Co-Leader, VP8 Team

NET CONTROL OPERATORS
1st week of month-Jerry Bowen; KJ6SCC
2nd week of month-Richard Craig; KJ6MIB
3rd week of month-Chris Jones; KD7TQO
4th week of month-Jerry Olive, K6WKY
On months with 5 weeks-Bob Hewitt; K6HEW

Successful December Test Session - By Jerry Olive KD6WKY

The unsponsored ARRL/VEC Test Session at my office in Fairfield held on Saturday, December 5 was a complete success. We helped seven people earn their Technician Licenses and/or General Class License. In total we had eight people test with us this session.

I want to thank the following Radio Amateurs who worked with me as a team:
Skip Lawson AF6HC
Wayne Young KG6ANN
Richard Craig KJ6MIB
Marcus Maclean KI6WDX

All of us felt a great sense of accomplishment in helping the Amateur Radio Community in our area expand.

A number of confirmations have finally arrived via LoTW!!

Yes indeedy!! It's "PAY-DAY"!! and!
A "rare" DXpediton down off N.E. AU.

Details	AF6HC	VK9WA	2015-11-15 00:38:00	10M	SSB	28.47500	WILLIS ISLAND
Details	AF6HC	VK9WA	2015-11-16 00:24:00	12M	CW	24.89400	WILLIS ISLAND
Details	AF6HC	VK9WA	2015-11-21 01:52:00	15M	CW	21.01900	WILLIS ISLAND
Details	AF6HC	VK9WA	2015-11-21 20:22:00	12M	SSB	24.96000	WILLIS ISLAND
Details	AF6HC	VK9WA	2015-11-21 23:15:00	12M	SSB	24.96000	WILLIS ISLAND

Also another kinda-rare one from Suriname

Details	AF6HC	PZ5W	2015-11-26 19:57:00	15M	CW	21.02800	SURINAME

Guadeloupe

Details	AF6HC	FG/F6ARC	2015-11-17 18:47:00	17M	CW	18.07200	GUADELOUPE
Details	AF6HC	FG/F6ARC	2015-11-17 18:44:00	17M	CW	18.07200	GUADELOUPE

AND…..
Korea; Guam – NEW BAND for this guy for me; and Eastern Kiribati

Details	AF6HC	HL5FUA	2015-11-02 23:30:00	12M	SSB	24.94700	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Details	AF6HC	KH2L	2015-11-02 21:22:00	12M	CW	24.90100	GUAM
Details	AF6HC	T32DX	2015-11-02 21:15:00	12M	CW	24.90600	EASTERN KIRIBATI

Still waiting for confirmation for a **P5** though…

What Fun!!
Skip, AF6HC
73

KD6WKY's Contest Summary Report for RAC

Created by N3FJP's RAC Winter Contest Log
Version 2.4 www.n3fjp.com
Total Contacts = 78
Total Points = 15,312
Operating Period: 2015/12/19 01:23 - 2015/12/19 23:51
Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	4	0	0	4	5
40	16	0	0	16	21
20	36	0	0	36	46
15	18	0	0	18	23
10	4	0	0	4	5
Total	78	0	0	78	100

Jerry Olive

Rotary "Beam" Antenna

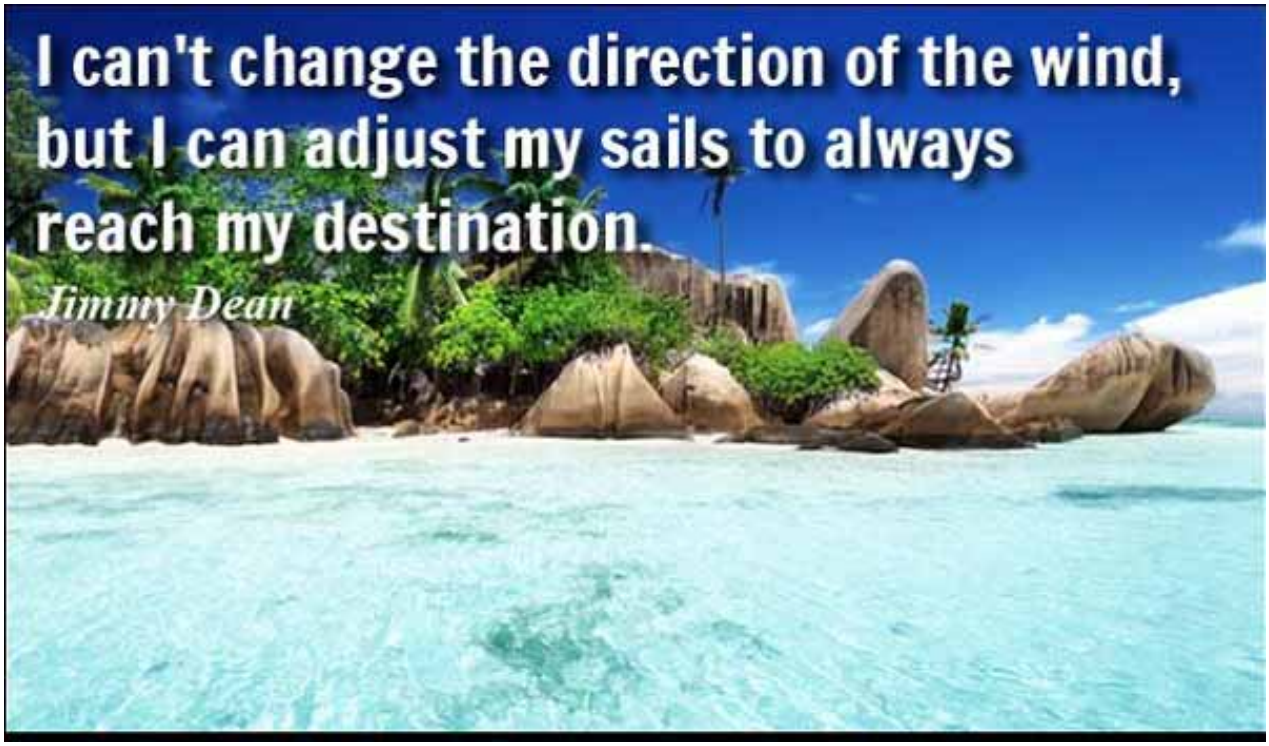
2016 Officers

President: Marcus MacLean-KI6WDX
VP: Frank Garay-KJ6RWQ
Treasurer: Bob Hewitt-K6HEW
Secretary: Brian Hagen-KK6BXP

Board of Directors:

Ruff Gunn-K6DME
Antonio Del Rio-N6ZGB
Richard Craig-KJ6MIB
Artthur Miller-KI6UXE

APPOINTED POSITIONS will be filled or changed when the new officers take their chairs:



Please renew your membership

VACAVILLE RADIO CLUB, INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Please Print & Fill in Completely Dues are Delinquent January 1st

Name: _____ Call Sign_____

Street:

_____

City: _____Zip:

_____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____OK to Publish ?(_____)

License Class: _____ ARRL Member ?(_____)

E-Mail
Address_____

FAMILY Member (Spouse or Children)

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

MEMBER Dues	$25.00	_____
Each Family Member	$ 2.00	_____
Student	$ 5.00	_____
Repeater/Autopatch donation		_____
Call/Name badge	$11.00	_____
		_____

Paid by CASH: Check # _____

DATE: _____

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